


Examiner restricted claims 45-81 to Group II as being drawn to a method of manufacturing a semiconductor device.

Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's reasons for restriction, Applicants elect to prosecute claims 1-44 of Group I. Therefore, Applicants have canceled claims 45-81 without prejudice for possible inclusion in a divisional application.

If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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